

KINGFISHER FRENZY



FOR THE HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY

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HT NEWS

FAREWELL MRS FITZPATRICK



As many of you will know, the wonderful Mrs Fitzpatrick is retiring from work at the end of this term after over forty years of teaching all around the country. Kingfisher Frenzy went to speak to her so that we could put an article in our newspaper to remember her forever.

The first question we wanted to know was how long she has been teaching at HT. Her reply was that she has been here for roughly twenty-two long and joyful years. She has also taught in schools in America, private schools and various schools around Richmond.

Kingfisher Frenzy also wanted to know about any particularly fond memories of HT. She said that all her memories of HT are fond and happy in different ways. Over the years, she claims that HT has got bigger and better and more joyful and light.

To the readers of Kingfisher Frenzy Mrs Fitzpatrick wanted to say thank you and to all the people that

have helped her learn and grow over the years. She added, "Enjoy being at this school because it is such a special place." She doesn't have a favourite class, claiming that each class is special in a different way.

Mrs Fitzpatrick has a long list of things she wants to do in her retirement: have singing and piano lessons, learn Italian, volunteer in her neighbour's old peoples' home and at the lending library. Also, she would love to travel and visit places around the world, go to lectures about the history of art and take embroidery and painting classes.

We would like to wish her, "GOOD LUCK!" and to say, "THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!"



Welcome to another bumper issue of Kingfisher Frenzy with all the latest news about the HT community. There is lots to keep you busy in the Easter holidays – must-read books, recipes, a short story and the latest film and game reviews plus a page of fun activities.

This term's Frenzy team is (pictured left to right): Anna Tonge, Isabel Vincze, Connie Beaumont, Adelka Delevante, Ridwan Rahman, Isobel Christou, Farah Shaheen, Bella Meikle, Rose Streek, Sam Dimmock and Parker Walsh.

From all of us, we wish you a very happy Easter!

DRAMA CLUB PERFORM AT RICHMOND THEATRE

Recently Holy Trinity's talented actors competed at the Dramatic Edge festival for Richmond Borough. 'Who Stole the tarts?' was the name of their play. Stuck in Wonderland Alice was on a detective mission to solve the mystery of who stole the self-obsessed Queen's tarts. She is helped by an eager white rabbit, Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee - who are constantly quarrelling - an absent-minded mad hatter and his March hare, a timid dormouse and a selfish presenter, not forgetting the mischievous Cheshire cat, all the while oblivious to the conspicuous clues left behind by the thief. The mystery is solved leaving the Jabberwocky soon to be beheaded. Sadly Holy Trinity's actors and actresses did not win the competition but came away with a prize for physicality. Maddie, Kate, Adelka, Anna Tres, Anna Tonge, Reuben, Alice, Bella and Marta are looking with anticipation to their next performance at the Orange Tree Theatre.

Holy trinity - an insider's view of the nursery

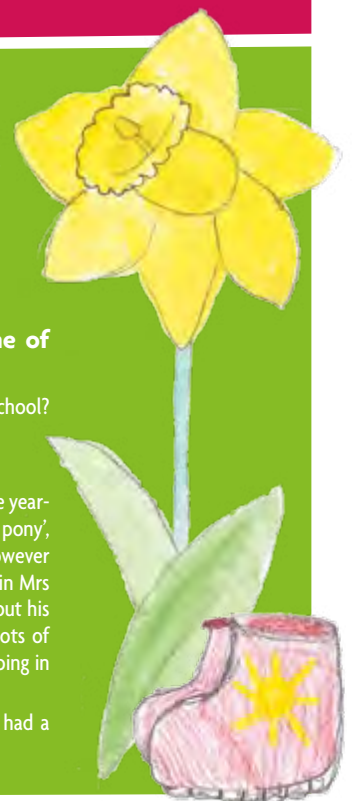
Recently the Kingfisher Frenzy team interviewed some of the youngest members of the Holy Trinity community.

Have you ever wondered about the three and four year-olds' view of our school? Or, what they get up to when we are labouring away at maths?

Elsie, Noah, Jakob and Eli gave us an insider's view on Holy Trinity Nursery. . .

Our first impression when we entered the hut was the noise of cheerful three year-olds, laughing and talking. Elsie, who wants to grow up to be a 'princess pony', said her favourite aspect of nursery is all her friends and the Art lessons. However Jakob, who would like to be a caterpillar, says he is "happy, happy, happy" in Mrs Skivington's Nursery – his smile only grows and grows when we ask him about his days there. When asked about hobbies, Eli replies with a hearty, "I have lots of hobbies but my favourite is watching telly." In contrast Noah chirped, "Sleeping in my bed!" as his favourite hobby.

With aspirations about becoming rockets, fairies, firemen and pirates, we had a lovely time interviewing the nursery and wish them luck in Reception.



LENT

Is Easter all just fluffy bunnies and stuffing yourself with chocolate eggs?

At Lent we give up things for the 40 days before Easter. We learn to understand how Jesus suffered for us though we only make a small sacrifice. So what have you given up this year?

After a lot of umming and erring, this is what our teachers at Holy Trinity have decided to give up for Lent this year:

- Mrs Tolfree: **Facebook**
- Mr Collett: **Fizzy drinks and chocolate**
- Mr O'Sullivan: **Giving up giving up things!**
- Mrs Sharp: **Mayonnaise**
- Mr Brown: **Crisps**
- Mr Stretton: **Biscuits**
- Mr Bell: **Working too hard!**



Passionate about the Passion Play

This Easter, hundreds of Richmond residents will be gathered by the riverfront on Good Friday. "Why?", I hear you ask. Well, it is a Richmond tradition to have a 'Passion Play' every year performed by local adults and children about the story of Jesus' last days on earth leading up to the Crucifixion. Starting off with the Messiah riding triumphantly into Jerusalem on his donkey, to Pontius Pilate giving the order to have him crucified, everything is contained in this stunning play. Who knows – perhaps we will see your face there.

There is also a children's choir singing in case you want to join next year.

SINGING THE PRAISES OF MISS ASHBY

As you know Miss Ashby is the current and most successful Deputy Head Holy Trinity has ever had, which resulted in us getting outstanding, with the help of the incredible Mrs Cox.

Kingfisher Frenzy asked Miss Ashby if she could describe her bubbly self in just three wonderful words, which is actually a very tricky question.

Her answer was, "happy, fun and passionate about what I do."

Would you agree, because we all do?

We wondered how Miss Ashby is brave enough to take on over 70 children at 8am every Wednesday morning for choir practice, and here's the answer. Miss Ashby stated that it was her favourite time of the week and it makes her feel warm and fuzzy.

Miss Ashby's three favourite things to do in the staff room include talking to teachers, drinking coffee and eating Mrs Velumyl's cake (star baker!)

We also really wanted to know that if Miss Ashby had not come to Holy Trinity then what would she have desired to be. She told us that she wanted to become a nurse when she was younger but she is glad that she became a teacher because she is very squeemish and faints at the sight of blood.

Of course you're wondering, how did Miss Ashby become so amazing at the piano? Well she started learning to play at the tender age of four.

Thanks to Miss Ashby, the Holy Trinity school choir is a group of over seventy talented, passionate young musicians who practise every Wednesday morning. Every year we get the incredible opportunity to perform in some of the biggest arenas in the world such as the O2.

Miss Ashby has also arranged for us to have the opportunity to sing in the rose theatre in Kingston. She also asked if Andy from the O2 young voices could come to our school which is very special.

Thanks Miss Ashby for being so fun and passionate about what you do!



The Story of Easter

As we all know, Easter is right around the corner, the time when Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Frenzy editor, Isabel Vincze has written the story of Easter and the events leading up to the crucifixion. So, sit down, relax, and enjoy this true story!

Jesus and his trusted disciples were walking to celebrate Passover. When they were almost there, Jesus sent two of his friends to get a donkey. He instructed them to tell the owner that they desperately needed it, so the disciples did as they were asked and brought the donkey straight to Jesus. As they rode the rest of the way to Jerusalem, a crowd of people saw Jesus coming and covered the path with their cloaks and palm leaves.

"Hosanna! Jesus is the king!" they chimed.

Most people were overjoyed, but sadly, this did NOT include some of the priests, who were very envious of Jesus. They hated the fact that ordinary people loved him so much. So, they frantically tried to find an excuse to kill Jesus. Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus's disciples, went to them privately and told him that he would betray him. The priests and elders gave Judas thirty pieces of silver in return for him betraying Jesus. From then on, he waited patiently for his chance to get Jesus into trouble.

Jesus invited his friends to come and have supper with him. He looked hurt and betrayed. His friends

were concerned, so they asked him if everything was okay. He replied by saying that tomorrow he would have to return to heaven, all his friends grew upset too. The disciples said they wouldn't let anything happen to him. Jesus sadly said that one of his close friends had already taken money to betray him and they were in the room right now. All the disciples looked at each other. They were shocked to the core. Then Judas got up and walked out of the room.

Jesus explained the whole story to his friends and how he would not be here tomorrow. So that they would remember him, he broke some bread and shared it out.

"This is my body, take it and eat it and remember me," said Jesus calmly.

Then he took a cup of wine and told them that it was his blood. They should drink it and remember him.

Jesus and his friends walked to the garden of Gethsemane. They were exhausted. But as soon as they got there, they saw Judas with many men, coming for Jesus. Judas went up to Jesus and kissed him on the cheek, this was Judas's way of telling the guards that that was Jesus. The men instantly recognized Jesus and seized him...

A few days later, Jesus was nailed to a cross to die next to two robbers. Many people came to see him or watch him whilst laughing at him.

My Dream Wedding Cake



As most of you may know, Mr Auton's and Mr Hambling's wedding days are approaching swiftly. We were eager to interview them about their dream wedding cakes.

Shy at first, Mr Hambling explained that he would like a lovely, colourful cake that says "Be Mine" for his wedding. He also said that he would like a red heart to tunnel through the middle. Furthermore, he said that the cake would have wrapped, chocolate hearts resting on pink icing cushions.

Mr Auton, however, elucidated that he would prefer a white, towering cake, carefully decorated in fragile flowers. It would contain chocolate chips beneath the fondant. From above it would look like a snowy rose.

All the team of Kingfisher Frenzy wish them luck for their special days (and unusual dream cakes).

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As part of Boy Talk we decided to find out in our school what the most popular boy's name is. The research revealed that the most popular boy's names in our school are

Sam, Samuel and Alex

We also wanted to find out what the male names of the Kingfisher Frenzy team mean: Ridwan and Parker are the editors while our illustrator is Sam. Ridwan means the guard of heaven, Parker means keeper of the park and our one-and-only artist, Sam's name means a bright sun.



What is the fashion-conscious boy wearing just now?

In previous years boys just wore a t-shirt and jeans and that was that. However, this year's fashion for boys with a casual style is a pair of denim jeans with a white t-shirt or a nice chequered shirt; a cardigan or blazer over the top is also popular right now. You should wear this style if you don't want to be left behind and you can see lots of top celebrities dressed like this such as John Boyega, who starred in "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (see Film Reviews), footballer, David Beckham and F1 driver, Lewis Hamilton.

Top style tip: Remember never to wear denim with denim!

FIFA 16 GAME REVIEW

Last summer EA SPORTS launched its latest game FIFA 16, a football simulation game, developed for PS4, XBOX1, PS3, XBOX 360, IOS and Android.

The new and amazing features include defensive agility which allows you to feel freedom of movement as you track your opponents' runs and looks to break up attacks. Another feature is defend as a unit which enables you to close down the attackers and gives you an advantage by making you aware of dangerous spaces on the pitch. The new tackling fundamentals mean you can just get stuck in and win the ball back with better types of tackles such as slide, stand and fake. One of the midfield features is interception intelligence where players anticipate passes and move to shut down options and passing channels. Passing with purposes, is a new revolution for passing and you now can play sharp, incisive passes to find teammates with precision. In the game your best touches can be ones you don't take. Free yourself from the ball to find free time and create separation, feint and blow your defenders. Dynamic crossing lets you put authentic crosses to find teammates with greater accuracy. But the most important is clinical finishing

where you could strike the ball and finish like a pro. You can also have better placement of the foot and ankles which gives you better variety in shooting and goals scored.

Fifa 16 is the greatest Fifa ever and won the 2016 game of the year and is the closest you can get to playing real football without being on the pitch.



Easter Egg Nests



SCRUMMY INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbs golden syrup
- 50g/2oz butter
- 75g/3oz cornflakes
- 36 mini chocolate eggs

AMAZINGLY EASY METHOD:

- 1 Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.
- 2 Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a pan of gently simmering water (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth.
- 3 Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate.
- 4 Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.

Save a child

Last year Holy Trinity pupils collected 20p's in Smarties tubes in aid of a charity called EducAid. We managed to raise an incredible £3,000. Here is some background information about the charity we helped to support.

In Sierra Leone there are hundreds of young, innocent children without a home – they just have an open-ended slum to live in. They also do not have access to clean, drinkable water like we do in England; they drink warm, filthy water full of lethal diseases and insects. EducAid is a project that has been created to change this tragic situation by giving these resilient children, who have lost their beloved parents to Ebola and the civil war, a chance to have a life-changing experience of having an education which we also take for granted in the UK.

It only costs £200 a year for a child to have a home, clean water, food and an education in an EducAid school in Sierra Leone. This is just 1/26th of our Christmas fair fundraising.



Animal Alert!

Hi all you animal-loving Frenzy fans!

This issue we are writing about the fascinating animals that are otters. For those who don't know about Animal Alert, it's a column about a specific animal and each term we will feature a different one.

- There are 13 different species of otters found all around the world.
- Male otters are called boars, females are sows and the offspring are pups.
- The Sea Otter is the only species that has a shorter and less muscular tail.
- Antarctica and Australia are the ONLY two places in the world where otters aren't found.
- Otters are very closely related to ferrets, badgers and mink.

If there is any animal that YOU would like to see in the Kingfisher Frenzy, just tell one of the Frenzy team!



SHORT STORY

Kingfisher Frenzy is delighted to publish another short story by our own budding Jacqueline Wilson, Adelka Delevante.

DEAR DIARY

Good Friday

My name is Lizzie. I'm in care. And the first thing you need to know is that I'm not the sort of person who spends all day curled up with a notebook, but my social worker Maude says it helps "express my feelings". Well, I don't need to express anything! I'm a very outspoken type of person and I always shout out my feelings fearlessly.

But I suppose spending hours doodling and writing amazing things about myself and evil comments about my enemies (aka Riley Trend) sounds kinda appealing...and I have a TON of things to write about...NOT!!!

I'm bored to death! Nothing ever happens round here. So I'll pass the time by writing about my home. The Home. With a CAPITAL 'H'.

The unwanted, the orphaned, the riotous are all dumped here. I'm one of the few who has parents. But they didn't want me. Because I have no voice. Literally. I've never said a word in my life. I have a tongue, a mouth, so why can't I speak? I have no idea.

The Home isn't bad, really. It's run by a group of elderly, retired women. There are seventy girls, ten in each dormitory, all homeless and mother-less, some even found on the streets. Not me. I was given. Unwanted.

Anyway, on a slightly happier note, it's Easter soon! Our school broke up last week. And this Sunday is Easter Sunday! Yippee!

Easter Sunday...

I knew it as soon as I awoke... Easter Sunday! I tingled all over. Even sad, snively Lila was cheerful. We ate a delicious greasy breakfast and dashed out to a morning of energetic Easter Games!

Lunch was the normal lukewarm portion of mashed turnips, but the chocolate eggs certainly lightened the meal. I got a peaceful hour to myself, doodling and scribbling. I have to admit, this diary thing is getting quite fun!

I hope we get to meet each other soon, whoever you are reader. I've enjoyed writing this and it's literally been ages since I've had so much fun. Maybe that social worker Maude was right after all.

Yours happily
(for once)

Lizzie



MOVIE REVIEWS

MOVIE

WRECK IT RALPH

Wreck It Ralph is a great film for everyone in the family. It contains action, adventure, friendship, romance, arcade games and cart racing. It is about a normal arcade game 'bad guy' who is tired of being the bad guy and goes outside of his own game into another arcade game, "Hero's Duty" accidentally creating an unstoppable virus. He then escapes in a pod into "Sugar Rush" where an unwelcoming character called King Candy chases after him. Unfortunately he doesn't know that the virus is spreading. The question is, can Ralph save Sugar Rush and the whole world of arcade games in time?



MOVIE

STAR WARS

HT's own resident Jedi Master Ridwan gives his personal insight into The Star Wars series.

A few months ago, Star Wars: The Force Awakens was released at cinemas creating a box office record with a huge amount totalling 1.961 billion viewers worldwide. Star Wars began in 1977 with the first three films: Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back and Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi. The next film made was the prequel to the first three. Later came another two films which were episode II and III until, finally, The Force Awakens came out last December as a sequel to the original three stories. It's quite complicated.

People ask why I am a Star Wars fan. I say I love Star Wars because you see the Jedis and Siths explore and travel the galaxy while experiencing amazing battles that will make you sit on the edge of your seat as the suspense builds and builds. The recent film takes place about thirty years after the defeat of the Empire, the galaxy is threatened once again, and their foe this time is the new and powerful Kylo Ren. Meanwhile a defector called Finn crash lands and meets a girl called Rey who is a tough scavenger and owns a droid that contains a secret map. Together the duo join forces with Han Solo, captain of the airship, the Millennium Falcon, and Chewbacca, who are both in the original three films. They need to make sure the Resistance discovers the whereabouts of the lost Luke Skywalker who is the last of the Jedi Knights. This new Star Wars film is a must see for everyone.

MOVIE

LEGO MOVIE

The Lego Movie is a family favourite for anyone who has enjoyed constructing with Lego. President Business has created many realms separated by walls in order to keep order in the world of Lego. However, the Master Builders rebel against these walls and an ordinary construction worker, Emmet, in the realm of Bricksburg becomes an unexpected hero.

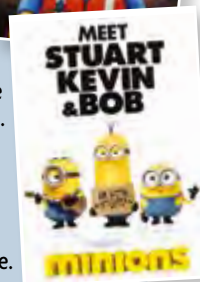
The evil Lord Business is hunting the secret Lego piece of resistance which is the only thing that can stop his plans to freeze the world on Taco Tuesday, using his Tacos weapon (Tentacle Arm Kragle Outside Sprayer). It is a race to see if Emmet can save the world.



MOVIE

MINIONS

The Minions movie is the prequel to Despicable Me. This latest film starts with the Minions having masters who keep on dying due to the Minions' foolish actions until one day they find themselves without a master. At first they enjoy this, find an ice cave where they live and sing songs but along the years they become sad and miserable. Eventually three brave Minions named Bob, Kevin and Stuart decide to set off in search of a new master. The film follows their search to find a master they are happy to serve.





BOOK

LONG WAY HOME

This amazing epic by a bestselling author is just another of Micheal Morpurgo's excellent novels. Read about country tales of friendship, fun and family.

George has never had a real home, instead, every summer, he is bundled off to various houses to spend the holidays. George hates being treated like a nuisance and this summer holiday ritual never turns out well anyway. So when Miss Thomas, his social worker, takes him to the Dyer's farm to spend the summer, it is the last straw.

But the Dyer family is different. George is treated just like one of the family and strikes up an everlasting friendship with Tom and Storme Dyer. However, when Mrs Dyer gets ill and is sent to hospital, Mr Dyer can't run the farm with children to look after at the same time. They all need somewhere to go. Tom and Storme are welcome at their grandparents' house, but what will happen to George? Make sure you read it to find out!

BOOK

DORK DIARIES

The Dork Diaries are a fun series of books for children aged 6 and upwards. Here is a little taster... Nikki Maxwell is just a normal 14-year-old schoolgirl - with a disastrous life. From her bratty little sister Brianna to her lip-gloss addicted enemy, Mackenzie Hollister, she doesn't have it easy. Her only comfort in life is her tattered diary. From daydreams to nightmares, everything is scribbled down in her dog-eared diary. Read about her bookworm BFFs, Chloe and Zoey, her crush, Brandon Roberts and about the time fashionista, Mackenzie stole her journal and disguised it to pretend it was her own...

Read on to find out if Nikki can survive her years at Winchester Country Day School in the hands of the bullies.



BOOK

THE MAZE RUNNER

The Maze Runner is a good film as well as an amazing book by James Dashner. Thomas, a teenager, wakes up in a mysterious box that arrives in a place called The Glade where he remembers nothing but his name, like every other boy. The Glade is surrounded by walls and outside there are even more walls to create a maze. Every night, to protect everybody from the deadly vicious griever the walls close. The griever sting people and everybody who gets stung has to go through a treatment called "the changing"; nobody who has seen a griever has ever lived to tell about it. Noone is allowed to go outside the walls unless you are a runner, these are boys that run a section they are given to see if there is any change or any way out. After a while in The Glade, Thomas gets a promotion to runner status.

Two days after Thomas arrives the box comes again which is unusual as normally a boy and food, clothes and everything they need comes up once a month but this time it is a girl with a note saying she's the last one. Later on the doors don't close which means they're not protected from those vile griever, no more food, clothes or anything is sent up. Read the book to find out if they get out of the place and survive ever.

WARNING! This book and film are not suitable and may be scary for young readers and viewers.

BOOK

TOM GATES!

The Tom Gates books are by Liz Pichon. They are extremely funny and not like ordinary books. They are written inside a diary and some of the words are written with pictures of the words.

The first story is about Tom's life beginning with small bumps along the way. Tom has a terribly annoying sister named Delia who steals his things and an awesome friend called Derek who has a dog called Rooster.

These stories are for ages 6-9.



BOOK

BUTTERFLY CLUB

"First, there's Madeleine. I always get the spelling wrong because it's so long: we call her Maddie for short. Then we have Philippa. That also gives me spelling trouble. We call her Phil. Then there is me. Little Tina, spelt T-I-N-A, easy peasy."

Meet Jacqueline Wilson's latest creation: the triplets, Madeleine, Philippa and little Tina. Everyone mistakes Tina for younger one because she has a weak heart and is a lot smaller than her sisters. They have a lot of fun all the same. The girls enjoy luxurious holidays and an exciting 7th birthday, but then the holidays are over and Tina, Maddie and Phil must prepare for a tough school term in the juniors in the clutches of spiteful Selma.

When their dragon of a teacher suggests that Selma and Tina create a butterfly garden together, Tina suspects the worst. Little does she know what sort of home Selma really returns to every day, to her awful stepdad Jason and fierce Mum. Tina is about to find out more about this so-called bully's life.

Join Tina's journey at big school as she learns that she can't always rely on Maddie and Phil and to stand on her own two feet. And find out what happened to Jacqueline Wilson's bestselling book-twins, feisty Ruby and shy Garnet and whether Ruby has achieved her acting dreams.



BOOK

HEARTSONG

Heartsong is an excellent and heartstring-pulling tale by Kevin Crossley-Holland. Set in the streets of Venice, the beautiful Italian city, our main character is shut out of this spellbinding city...in an orphanage.

Laura has never known her mamma, who left her at a gloomy orphanage when she was 6 months old. All the babies there are branded with a logo of the institution and bundled off to safe country homes. Laura has a happy life in the hut of Bert and Eva, her guardians until, on her 8th birthday, she is forced to return to the Venice orphanage.

There, with the help of her Music-master Antonio Vivaldi, she discovers the world of music and grows a passion for music. Laura would love to play in the orphanage orchestra, but there is one problem: Laura is mute.

Join Laura on a heart-warming journey to join the orchestra, learn the beak-flute and maybe even find her long-lost mamma.

Answers to 'HEAD TEASER': 1. 2004, 2. Lilac and Turquoise, 3. A long distance lorry driver, 4. Rowling, 5. Happy and forgetful, 6. Because she loved this school so much, 7. English and biology, 8. A surgeon, 9. The whole community of the school, especially the children, 10. Scooby Doo, 11. She was excited but very nervous. Answers to 'Literary Guess Who?': 1. Sherlock Holmes, 2. Tracy Beaker, 3. Felix, 4. Katniss Everdeen.

BOOK

GRANDPA'S GREAT ESCAPE

Grandpa's Great Escape is a brilliant book by comedian David Walliams. It is an emotional but fantastic book and so say many of his fans.

Ben loves his grandfather more than any one else, he especially loves his World War II stories. But then his grandpa's memory starts to fade and he gets lost in the time of World War II. Even worse is the fact his parents are thinking of sending grandpa to a fatal old peoples' home where no one comes out alive. Readers have to wait and see if Ben can help his grandfather escape the terrifying Twilight Towers and get his memory back before it's too late.

This is a story for children age 7 and up.

BOOK

RUBY REDFORT

Ruby Redfort is an exciting book by Lauren Child, the famous author of the Charlie and Lola series and the Clarice Bean stories. Here Lauren Child writes about a girl called Ruby Redfort who is chosen to be a code breaker for a secret agency called Spectrum. After the previous code breaker died mysteriously, Ruby is stuffed into a small room to find out what happened to her predecessor. There she comes face to face with her deadly enemy.

This is a fantastic story for girls and boys around the age of 9 to 12. You will absolutely love it.



BOOK

LOVING SPIRIT SERIES

This is a moving, heart-flipping quartet of novels that broadens the smile on every reader's face. They make your eyes well with delicate tears and fill your dreams with Spirit, a horse Ellie is very fond of, with fantasies of riding him, feeding him and loving him.

We are introduced to an amazing, however unstoppable, fourteen year-old Ellie, who is experiencing the heart-breaking difficulties of living without her beloved parents on a farm in England, where she is suffering from constant threats and put-downs from her cantankerous uncle Len. However, she finds that she has the ability to communicate with horses through her mind. All she has to do is be patient, listen and be as gentle as she possibly can. Throughout this book we also welcome Spirit, a horse Ellie could sense she needed desperately when she first got a small glimpse of him. Many people thought she was crazy due to the fact that Spirit was a weak, unhealthy horse, but through Ellie's eyes he was her key to a happy future...

Ellie seems to be getting closer and closer to Joe, a fellow groom who works on the farmyard with her. Also she has learnt to live with the downfalls of her querulous uncle and her second cousin, Luke. Furthermore, Ellie is told by Spirit that she can also talk to different horses and excitedly discovers she can. Gradually, her ability to communicate with horses develops and a few weeks later, she finds herself helping ponies under difficult circumstances. However, frustration is building up inside; a grief-stricken horse is refusing the help he is needing. Can Ellie help him? Later on in the series, her cancerous horse grows ill, but when Ellie tries to help him he either declines the thought, stating that nothing could help him, or he doesn't do anything, but Ellie could not only feel his tension, but his pain too. And when Joe isn't there during her loss, she feels he is drifting away... But is Luke coming closer?



BOOK

THE HUNGER GAMES

The Hunger Games is an amazing spine chilling trilogy of novels for young people by Suzanne Collins that keep you enchanted. You can't stop reading them and they keep you hooked on to the end so you read one book after the other.

In the first book, when Katniss Everdeen's sister Prim gets chosen for the Hunger Games in the reaping, Katniss volunteers for her and gets taken with her fellow companion Peeta to the Capitol to be trained. That's where she discovers her talent for archery. Fully confident she strides into the arena unaware of the dangers lurking inside the force-fielded arena!

You need to read to the end to know if she will crumble under the pressure or survive to appear in the rest of the series.



BOOK

CATCHING FIRE...

The second enchanting book in the breathtaking Hunger Games trilogy. Have you been wondering what happened to our heroic Katniss after she successfully escaped the wild arena? Well, here is the answer in the form of yet another spine-chilling book.

All Katniss Everdeen wants to do is forget the Games and move on, but the Capitol want more. After Peeta Mellark's romantic act, the ruling City of Panem and their sly, eerie president are hungry for more. To test their everlasting love, Peeta and Katniss are tossed into further turmoil in the Quarter Quell, where only one can survive.

Read Catching Fire to discover if Katniss can make it past the terrifying mutts, the poisonous gasses and the president himself, the most dangerous of them all.



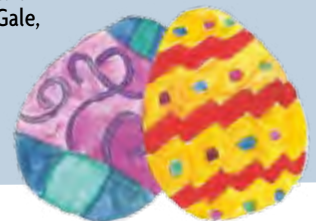
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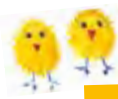
MOCKINGJAY

This is the third and last (but definitely not least) book in the spellbinding Hunger-Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins. Our heroine, Katniss Everdeen, is plunged into combat once again, this time not because of the Games, but to avenge the Capitol...

After being rescued from the firebombs by an unknown District, Katniss has to adapt to a stuffy, underground world. But her rescue has to be repaid. The Districts want to destroy the Capitol's rule over Panem and Katniss has to be their leader.

Katniss must face up to a deadly journey with nothing to defend herself with but a bow that is more fancy than deadly. She must risk the death of thousands, take responsibility for everything and decide which boy she should go with - Peeta Mellark, the baker's son or Gale, her childhood best friend and every girl's dream.





HEAD TEASER!



How much do you really know about our wonderful head teacher?

Kingfisher Frenzy has written a quiz to test how much you really know about Mrs Cox. Remember no peaking at the answers first!

1. What year did Mrs Cox join the school?

2. What two colours represent Mrs Cox the best?

3. When she was younger what did she want to be?

4. At the current moment what is Mrs Cox's favourite hobby?

5. What two words does she think best sum her up?

6. Why did she want to become a head teacher?

7. At school what were her favourite subjects?

8. If Mrs Cox weren't a head teacher what would she be?

9. What is Mrs Cox's favourite thing about Holy Trinity?

10. What cartoon character does she think represents her best?

11. How did Mrs Cox feel on her first day of school?

GUESS WHO?

Can you guess who these storybook characters are?

You can do it on your own or with your friends and family, even turn it into a competition.

1. The first character is from a 'whodunnit' detective story you will have surely heard about. This arrogant, calm-mannered chap is often seen in a checked cap and smoking a cigar. One of his mysteries includes a deadly snake, gypsies and a whistle at the dead of night. Can you guess who he is?

Answer: _____

2. Next is a feisty young girl with big hopes for her future. Her bold, gutsy personality makes her one of Jacqueline Wilson's most popular characters. As well as having mad black curls and a love of Smarties (especially the pink ones), this girl lives in a care home or a 'dumping ground' as she calls it. Who is she?

Answer: _____

3. Third is a small boy living in Poland during World War II. He once ran away from the orphanage to find his Jewish parents. Another time he saved a girl called Zelda from a burning house. After surviving years of torture in the holocaust, this young boy still believes that everyone deserves to have a good thing in their life at least once. Who is he?

Answer: _____

4. Finally, we have a teenage girl living in a poor district nicknamed 'seam'. After taking her small sibling's place at a deadly contest, our heroine endures weeks of training with her weapon: the bow and arrows she is so well-known for. However, the most tense part of this book is when the girl is plunged into the contest itself. Who is she?

Answer: _____



Tongue Twisters

Can you say these tongue twisters? Remember to test your family and friends to see who can say the most and fastest properly. You never know who can say the most, it might be one of your grandpa's hidden talents.

- Whether the weather is warm, whether the weather is hot, we have to put up with the weather, whether we like it or not.
- If two witches were watching two watches, which witch would watch which watch?
- I scream you scream we all scream for ice cream.
- She sells sea shells by the sea shore.
- Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, how many pickled peppers did Peter Piper pick?
- Eleven owls licked eleven little liquorice lollipops.
- If you want to buy, buy, if you don't want to buy, bye bye!
- How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.
- A tricky frisky snake with sixty super scaly stripes.
- The big bug bit the little beetle, but the little beetle bit the big bug back.



Answers to these quizzes can be found on page 6